



Idaho Potatoes

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Idaho Potato Acreage Lowest Since 1980

Idaho: Potato growers in Idaho have planted an estimated 295,000 acres in 2010, an 8 percent decrease from the 320,000 acres planted in 2009. Harvested acres, at 294,000, are also down 8 percent from a year ago. These are the least potato acres planted in Idaho since 1980, when 295,000 acres were also planted. Idaho has not had a lower planted acreage since 1965, when 283,000 acres were planted. In the 10 Southwest Counties, planted and harvested acres are estimated at 16,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2009. Acres for harvest in the State's Other Counties are expected to total 278,000 acres from 279,000 planted acres. This is a 7 percent decrease from last year's 301,000 acres planted in Other Counties.

Potatoes planted in Idaho are estimated to be 3 percent red, 4 percent white, 1 percent yellow, and 92 percent Russet.

United States: Potato growers across the United States planted an estimated 1.03 million acres of potatoes in all four seasons of the 2010 crop year, down 4 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest, forecasted at 1.01 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2009.

Fall Potatoes: Area planted to fall potatoes in 2010 is estimated at 896,100 acres, down 4 percent from the 2009 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 882,300 acres, also down 4 percent from 2009. Washington producers planted 7 percent fewer acres than a year ago. If realized, this will be the lowest planted area since 1992. Oregon growers reduced planted area 5 percent from last year. The crop got off to a slow start. Cool, wet conditions slowed growth. In Maine, planted area dropped 1 percent from the previous year. Warm, dry conditions encouraged growth. In Colorado, producers started planting earlier than usual and finished ahead of the usual pace. Producers continued to voluntarily limit acreage for water conservation and supply management. In North Dakota, warm, dry weather allowed planting to begin earlier than normal and was 40 percent planted by April 25. Planting remained ahead of average and was virtually complete by May 30. Nearly all of Minnesota potatoes were planted by May 23.

Fall Potato Percent of Acreage Planted by Type of Potato – Selected States: 2009 and 2010

State	Potato Types 1/							
	Reds		Whites		Yellows		Russets	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Colorado	3	2	2	3	11	10	84	85
Idaho	2	3	4	4	1	1	93	92
Maine	6	5	35	39	8	5	51	51
Michigan	2	2	80	87	1	-	17	11
Minnesota	23	21	10	9	1	1	66	69
New York	6	3	88	90	5	5	1	2
North Dakota	24	15	33	30	1	1	42	54
Oregon	1	3	16	14	1	2	82	81
Pennsylvania	3	5	95	92	1	1	1	2
Washington	3	3	16	11	1	1	80	85
Wisconsin	8	10	36	37	1	1	55	52
Total	6	6	20	20	2	2	72	72

1/ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of state's total. Blue types reported under red types.

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**Potatoes: Area Planted and Harvested, by Seasonal Group, Fall Potatoes by State, and United States,
2009 - 2010**

Seasonal Group and State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
1,000 Acres				
Winter 1/	9.0	(NA)	8.7	(NA)
Spring 1/	79.2	91.9	73.7	89.6
Summer 1/	44.2	39.6	42.7	38.5
Fall				
California	8.4	6.4	8.4	6.4
Colorado	56.0	55.5	55.2	55.2
IDAHO	320.0	295.0	319.0	294.0
SW (10 Counties)	19.0	16.0	19.0	16.0
Other Counties	301.0	279.0	300.0	278.0
Maine	56.0	55.5	55.5	55.0
Massachusetts	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.6
Michigan	45.0	44.0	43.5	43.5
Minnesota	47.0	43.0	45.0	40.0
Montana	11.2	10.0	9.7	9.7
Nebraska	20.0	19.5	19.9	19.2
Nevada	5.1	5.9	5.1	5.9
New Mexico	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.2
New York	17.1	16.2	16.5	15.6
North Dakota	83.0	90.0	75.0	84.0
Ohio	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0
Oregon	37.0	35.0	37.0	35.0
Pennsylvania	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.5
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Washington	145.0	135.0	145.0	135.0
Wisconsin	63.5	62.5	63.0	62.0
Total Fall	937.1	896.1	919.6	882.3
United States	1,069.5	1,027.6	1,044.7	1,010.4

1/ Beginning in 2010, winter and summer estimates included in spring total for California.

Fall Potatoes: Acres Planted for Certified Seed Potatoes, by States ^{1/}

State	2009 Crop			2010	State	2009 Crop			2010
	Entered for Certification	Certified	Percent Certified	Entered for Certification		Entered for Certification	Certified	Percent Certified	Entered for Certification
	Acres		Percent	Acres		Acres		Percent	Acres
Alaska	120	99	83	120	Nebraska	5,334	5,089	95	5,000
California	767	767	100	600	New York	902	902	100	839
Colorado	13,200	11,471	87	13,200	North Dakota	16,897	15,364	91	17,759
IDAHO	31,948	31,899	100	30,500	Oregon	2,384	2,384	100	2,438
Maine	10,785	10,774	100	10,964	Pennsylvania	273	273	100	271
Michigan	2,242	2,242	100	2,277	Washington	2,856	2,856	100	2,600
Minnesota	7,700	6,108	79	7,000	Wisconsin	8,165	8,163	100	8,123
Montana	10,354	10,354	100	9,458	TOTAL	113,927	108,745	95	111,149

1/ Data supplied by State seed certification officials.